# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:216
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2015
Higher Educational Institutions
Verma Shri Rajesh

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

a) whether the Government is aware that the students with rural background are unable to pursue higher education on account of English being the medium of instructions;
b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
c) whether the Government proposes to introduce both English and Hindi as medium of instructions in the institutions of higher education and if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor ?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT.SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.216 ASKED BY SHRI RAJESH VERMA FOR 14.12.2015 REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

(a) to (c) : Universities and other institutions of higher learning are autonomous institutions. These institutions decide the medium of instruction, academic content, courses, syllabi and curricula at their own level. Many Universities and institutions of higher learning have already put in place special measures to assist students who face linguistic challenges.

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